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Council Prepares for New Small Cell Infrastructure

by Matthew Arbach

The growing demand for increasing the coverage, data capacity and durability of wireless infrastructure is of high interest to the city, considering that cell-phones are now many residents' main, if not sole, avenue for communication. This fact was brought to the fore by the recent storm that debilitated city wireless accessibility for days in some cases. On August 22, the Greenbelt City Council met with representatives of CTC Technology and Energy, represented by Public Safety Subject Matter Expert James Crane and Vice President for Analytics Shawn Thompson to discuss the details and progress around the expansion of small cell deployment in Greenbelt. Also present was Attorney Gerard Lederer from Best, Best and Krieger, a law firm that had done work for the city.

CTC has been contracted to review any incoming applications and franchise agreements from interested carriers who want to provide small cell infrastructure in the city's public right of way (documents now available on the city's website at [greenbelt.md.gov](https://www.greenbeltmd.gov)).

What Is Small Cell?

Crane defined small cell as "an umbrella term for operator-controlled, low-powered radio access nodes, including those that operate in licensed spectrum and unlicensed carrier-grade Wi-Fi." Their range varies from 10 to several hundred meters. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) term for these is Small Wireless Facility (SWF). Other defining features are: a structure of 50 feet or less, and not more than 10 percent taller than adjacent structures; an antenna no more than 3 cubic feet in volume; and a radiofrequency radiation output not in excess of federal standards as relates to human exposure.

Regarding this latter issue, CTC said that a radiation study is done at the time of construction. In response to council interest in ongoing checks for radiation, Crane, Thompson, Lederer and Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby said that the city ordinance could be amended to make that a condition, as some neighboring jurisdictions have done.

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Labor Day Festival for 2022 Revives a Joy Thought Lost

by Cathie Meetre



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

The 40+ Double Dutch Club, Bowie Subclub, performs at the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade on September 5, 2022. The numbers on the back of their shirts are their ages and their motto is "Proud to be over 40."

The News Review last week gave this city the big stories of the Festival – Outstanding Citizen Maggie Cahalan and the over-

all spirit of the weekend. This week, and possibly in coming weeks, some of the niche elements that make the Festival an encompassing celebration will be showcased. Readers will find more photos, more awards, more fun and games. There'll be high-fives for the pet show and a chorus of yums and appreciation for the Retro Town Fair bakers,

picklers, knitters and growers.

The years 2020 and 2021 almost tarnished Greenbelt's faith in festivals. Children missed the rides and the excitement. Adults felt the loss of a long tradition. Organizations that depended on the income felt the pinch. The Festival organization was

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On Losing Queen Elizabeth II: Home Thoughts from Abroad

by Cathie Meetre

Oddly, given that more than two-thirds of my life has been lived away from England, in the last few days people have felt compelled to offer their condolences to me on the loss of the queen. And unexpectedly, given my long voluntary exile, it means a lot to me.

Perhaps this is because she is part of my earliest memories. As a not-quite-5-year-old in June 1953, I was one of the little kids lining the parade route for her coronation. I had a little Union Jack and I was propelled forward through the crowd with the other little kids to sit on the curb between the feet of the policemen supervising the crowds.

Although it was the first televised coronation, we didn't have a television, nor did anybody we knew. My parents' generation felt pretty lucky, not so long after World War II, to still have a queen and country to celebrate, so we went up to London by train from our upstairs "cold water" flat in a terraced house in Southfields, about half an hour on the District Line from Westminster.

In the evening, we all turned



The front page of a newspaper's Coronation Souvenir edition



Little Cathie Shearing, 1953

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What Goes On

Monday, September 19 7:30 p.m., City Council Worksession: Ethics Commission, Municipal Building
Wednesday, September 21 7:30 p.m., Council Closed Session: Personnel Matters

See the meetings calendar on page 5 or visit [greenbeltmd.gov](https://www.greenbeltmd.gov) for more information.

out for the street party – dining room tables were hauled into the middle of the street, plates were marked with Elastoplast tape and initials on the bottom, cutlery had colored thread tied around it – no plastic in 1953. I distinguished myself by falling down and gashing my knee on a sharp stone in the asphalt – a scar I still have.

I've never met the queen (although I have in person saluted her sister, Margaret, as a member of a color guard). Her Majesty

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Labor Day Books Generate Enthusiasm and Revenue

by Brooke Kenny

For the first time since 2019, the Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) Parent Teacher Association (PTA) held a full-scale book sale at the Labor Day Festival. Dozens of parents volunteered for weeks leading up to the four-day sale, collecting and sorting books donated by the community. Crowds filled the book sale tent all weekend long, with many visitors happy to grab fantastic books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles, games and movie posters for \$2 or less.

This year's sale raised approximately \$10,000 for PTA initiatives. The funds are used for teacher appreciation events, capital improvements, special events at the school and field trips, and to pay off lunch debt. To raise money in 2020 amid Covid lockdowns, members of the community held book sales in their own front yards and then donated the proceeds. Last year, front yard sales continued and a smaller sale

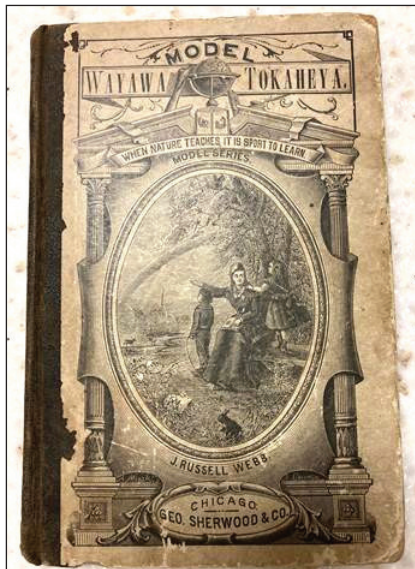


PHOTO BY BROOKE KENNY

A rare first-edition 1873 book meant to teach English to native Dakota tribe members was donated to the sale. It will be given to the Smithsonian Institution Library.

was held in the town center.

This year, the community donated approximately 10,000 books at a variety of drop-off

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locations. An estimated 8,000 books were sold and remaining items were donated to the Bowie Lions Club.

Greenbelters were incredibly generous not only with their book donations, but also with their time. The book sale committee had help from several parents whose children have already graduated from GES. Volunteers included a city council member, a candidate running for election to the county school board, several local high school students and many parents of current GES students.



Greenbelt Girl Scouts sponsor the pet show as part of the Labor Day Festival.

Fluffy, Furry Pet Show Prize Winners Charm Onlookers

Nearly a dozen pets brought by children and teens displayed their athletic prowess, winning personalities and general adorableness to an admiring crowd on the Community Center lawn at the Pet Show hosted during the Labor Day Festival by Girl Scout Troop #23007. The Scouts emceed the show and presented the following

One particularly astute volunteer spotted a rare book in the donation pile that the PTA Board decided should be offered to the Smithsonian Library. Titled Model First Reader, the book is a first edition from 1873 that was meant to teach children of the native Dakota tribe how to speak English. The value is estimated to be around \$200, but rather than sell the book, the PTA Board decided to donate it since it was given in the spirit of supporting education. It was a thrill to learn that, while the

Smithsonian has a later edition of the book, it does not have a first edition; thus, they are gratefully accepting this important piece of history so that future generations can access it.

It truly is remarkable to see the joy and learning that this community event sparks. The book sale committee would like to thank each and every person who chipped in to make this year's book sale such a success.

Brooke Kenny is the GES PTA secretary and Book Sale chair.



Shoppers peruse the book sale the evening of Friday, September 2.

Old Greenbelt Theatre
129 Centerway
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www.greenbelttheatre.org

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Adults \$9, Kids \$6,
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All shows before 5 PM:
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OC = Open Captions
CC = Closed Captions
DVS = Descriptive Video Service

On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

Honk for Jesus. Save Your Soul.

This satirical comedy stars Regina Hall as Trinitie Childs, the proud first lady of a Southern Baptist megachurch who, together with her husband Pastor Lee-Curtis Childs (Sterling K. Brown), once served a congregation in the 10s of thousands. After a scandal forces their church to temporarily close, they must reopen the church and rebuild their congregation to make the biggest comeback that re-modified religion has ever seen. "A fine, often funny movie about the moral hypocrisy of the church and an even better movie about a woman forced to endure looking like a fool, an outright clown, because of her husband," said K. Austin Collins of Rolling Stone.

Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris

In partnership with the House of Dior, the film tells the story of a widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London who falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress, and decides that she must have one of her own. After she works, starves and gambles to raise the funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris which will change not only her own outlook, but the very future of the House of Dior.

Where the Crawdads Sing

From the best-selling novel comes a captivating mystery that tells the story of Kya, an abandoned girl who raised herself to adulthood in the marshlands of North Carolina. For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" haunted Barkley Cove, isolating the sharp and resilient Kya from her community. Drawn to two young men from town, Kya opens herself to a new and startling world; but when one of them is found dead, she is immediately cast by the community as the main suspect. As the case unfolds, the verdict as to what actually happened becomes increasingly unclear, threatening to reveal the many secrets that lay within the marsh.

Three Thousand Years of Longing

Dr. Alithea Binnie (Tilda Swinton) is an academic – content with life and a creature of reason. While in Istanbul attending a conference, she happens to encounter a Djinn (Idris Elba) who offers her three wishes in exchange for his freedom. This presents two problems. First, she doubts that he is real and second, because she is a scholar of story and mythology, she knows all the cautionary tales of wishes gone wrong. The Djinn pleads his case by telling her fantastical stories of his past. Eventually she is beguiled and makes a wish that surprises them both.

SHOWTIMES:
SEPTEMBER 16TH – 19TH

SCREEN 1 - Main Auditorium, CAPPED AT 184
SCREEN 2 - The Screening Room, CAPPED AT 30

HONK FOR JESUS. SAVE YOUR SOUL. (R) (CC) (DVS)
(2022) (102 MINS)
FRI. 8:00 PM **SCREEN 1**
SAT. 5:15 PM **SCREEN 1**
SUN. 2:15 PM (OC) **SCREEN 1**
MON. 5:00 PM **SCREEN 1**

MRS. HARRIS GOES TO PARIS (PG) (CC) (DVS)
(2022) (92 MINS)
FRI. 5:00 PM **SCREEN 1**
SAT. 8:00 PM **SCREEN 1**
SUN. 5:00 PM **SCREEN 1**
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WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING (PG-13) (CC) (DVS)
(2022) (125 MINS)
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SAT. 5:00 PM **SCREEN 2**
SUN. 2:00 PM **SCREEN 2**
MON. 5:15 PM **SCREEN 2**

THREE THOUSAND YEARS OF LONGING (R) (CC) (DVS)
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THE LIFE OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER

Pete Reppert

- News Review, November 15, 2018

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Community Events

HUG WALK Joins WALKTOBER

Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK) is again organizing the annual HUG WALK (Help Unite Greenbelt With A Little Kindness) to be held on Sunday, October 9, rain or shine. This year the City of Greenbelt and RUAK will be partnering with the State of Maryland in promoting health and wellness during WALKTOBER.

The HUG WALK route is as follows: 1 p.m., gather at the Indian Creek Trail bridge at Greenbelt Station; 1:30 p.m., walk sets off; 2 p.m., walk continues from Springhill Lake Recreation Center; 2:30 p.m., join the walk at Buddy Attick Park; 3 p.m., join the walk at Roosevelt Center; 3:30 p.m., join the walk at Greenbriar Community Center; 4 p.m., join the walk at Windsor Green Community Center; 4:30 p.m., walk concludes at Schrom Hills Park.

For further information, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com or 301-345-8755.



Fire Department Hosts Bull and Crab Feast

Advance tickets are strongly suggested for the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department's annual, always-sold-out bull roast and crab feast on Saturday, October 1 from 1 to 5 p.m. On the menu are crab soup, corn on the cob, cole slaw, hot dogs, baked beans, steamed crabs and pit beef, the best in the area they claim, served with all the trimmings.

Games and raffles are always a part of this, the Fire Department's biggest fundraiser of the year. For online tickets, go to engine35.com and then click on the highlighted "Tickets are available at engine35.square.site" at the bottom of the page. Bring family and friends for a fun time, great food – all-you-can-eat on the premises – and support the Fire Department.

September Art Share

Greenbelt Recreation invites local artists to meet up with peers at the Community Center on Friday, September 23 from 7 to 8 p.m. for a constructive, informal discussion of everyone's work. Bring one to three pieces in any medium. All experience levels are welcome. It's free. Email Amanda Demos Larsen, visual arts coordinator, at alarsen@greenbeltnmd.gov for event information.

Seniors Host Open Forum Sept. 24

On Saturday, September 24 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Greenbelt's Senior Citizen Advisory Committee will hold its annual Open Forum. Again this year, in deference to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, it will only be offered as a free virtual presentation on Zoom. Advance registration is required, at [bitly.ws/u82S](https://bit.ly/ws/u82S). Greenbelters of all ages are invited to share their concerns about issues in the community and get direct feedback from city officials, including members of the city council and representatives of certain city government agencies. Positive comments are also welcome and appreciated.

Learn How to Help Local Afghan Refugees

On Sunday, September 18 at 4 p.m., Mishkan Torah Synagogue will be hosting a Zoom presentation on how to help Afghan refugee neighbors.

Hussain and Ambareen Jafri, from the Idara-e-Jaferia task force, will give an informative presentation describing the challenges facing Afghan refugees in this area. These refugees narrowly escaped jail and faced death threats or worse after the Taliban takeover of their country. The presentation will focus on the efforts of the Idara-e-Jaferia organization to support the survival of refugees in Prince George's and Montgomery counties and what people can do to help.

Sign up here for the Zoom link: mishkantorah.org/synagogue-activities/upcoming-events/local-support-for-afghan-refugees.

GIVES Holds Zoom Meeting Saturday

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will hold its quarterly membership meeting on Saturday, September 17 at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Meeting information will be automatically sent to members. Other interested individuals can call the GIVES office at 301-507-6580 or write to the GIVES office at givesoffice@gmail.com for information.

GIVES members volunteer to transport people to medical and other necessary appointments, take care of pets during hospital stays or other times when seniors cannot, stay with members who can't be left alone so that their family can run errands, and pick up groceries or other items ordered online.

Anyone who needs help or knows someone who does, call 301-507-6580 or send an email to givesoffice@gmail.com for a membership application. Members can request a service that will be sent to volunteer providers. Service requests must be submitted at least four business days in advance to allow time to find a match. The office is staffed from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. every weekday. Because GIVES is part of a federal grant program under the auspices of the Jewish Council on Aging in Montgomery County, and for insurance purposes, people receiving or providing services must be GIVES members.

Greenbelt Writers Group Meets on September 16

Calling all writers: Join in to discuss writing successes and aspirations. This month there will be time for brief readings. Bring something to share.

The meeting is in person at 7 p.m. on Friday, September 16 at the Community Center. Masks optional. For more information, contact Barbara Ford at 301-441-8241.

More Community Events
are located throughout the paper.

Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday, September 17 at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. Attendees can expect to see Saturn, Jupiter, galaxies, nebulae and star clusters currently high in the sky, viewed through the observatory telescope and astronomical camera. All are welcome, and visitors are encouraged to set up their own telescopes on the hilltop.

Observing will begin at 8:30 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

Food Collection Dates

Greenbelt PORCH is continuing its program to collect food as scheduled below:

Sunday, September 18: by 4 p.m. for Boxwood Village, by 4 p.m. for P.A.L. (PORCH at large) members (including former Woodland Hill donors)

Saturday, September 24: by 10 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill

Sunday, September 25: by 4 p.m. for 9 and 12 Courts Ridge and 11 and 13 Courts Ridge; by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive.

Those in neighborhoods with no monthly food drive can help through P.A.L. To participate, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com by noon on Sunday, September 18, with your address and leave donation, marked RUAK or PORCH, by the front door visible from the street. Ensure that donated items are not past their use-by date.

Volunteers who would like to expand Greenbelt PORCH to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt are always welcome. Particularly sought are coordinators in Greenbelt East. For more information or to become a volunteer, contact Goldberg-Strassler.

Blues Festival at Center Saturday, Sept. 17

The Greenbelt Blues Festival will take place this Saturday, September, 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. The event will start off in Roosevelt Center during the day with six bands, and continue inside the New Deal Café in the evening. The Greenbelt Honk! Situation, Greenbelt's newest street band, will also provide entertainment during the festival. This event is for all ages and free to the public. Bring a chair for comfort while listening to the music. The festival is sponsored by the New Deal Café and Friends of New Deal Café Arts with support from the City of Greenbelt.

Mini Golf Event to Raise Scholarship Funds

On Sunday, September 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Dena Kohn Theatre Lab Scholarship Fund will hold a miniature golf event as a fundraiser and celebration of the life of lifelong Greenbelt Dena Kohn, who died just before her 23rd birthday. Each year, her life and spirit of giving are celebrated and commemorated by raising money for the Dena Kohn Memorial Scholarship Fund. The fund provides scholarships each summer to teenagers in financial need to participate in The Theatre Lab's Musical Theatre Institute for teens.

The event will be held at Rocky Gorge Four Seasons Golf Fairway on U.S. Route 29 and Old Columbia Road in Laurel. Attendees can buy baked goods from a Greenbelt baker, original pottery by a Greenbelt potter and photography from an award-winning Greenbelt photographer at the fundraising event.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club invites all to join them online every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The club provides a fun and friendly environment for anyone interested in improving their public speaking and leadership skills. Learn more at greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org.

THIS WEEK AT THE NEW DEAL CAFE!
The ONLY venue in Greenbelt with BOTH dinner and a show!
Happy Hour! Monday - Friday, 4 - 7pm: \$1.00 OFF BEER & WINE!

Thursday, 9/15, The Sugarmacks (*Funk to Rockabilly*)
With Emcee Mark Opsasnick, author "Rock the Potomac."

Friday, 9/16, Kevin Robinson & KERQ (*Jimi Hendrix, anyone?*), **8 - 11pm**

SATURDAY, 9/17: THE GREENBELT BLUES FESTIVAL!
FREE OUTDOOR MUSIC IN THE ROOSEVELT CENTER!
GreenbeltBluesFestival.com

In the Cafe, 8:30 - 11:30pm: Clarence "The Blues Man" Turner!
Sunday, 9/18, Michela Musolino (*Music of Sicily*), **2 - 4pm**;
Fez Tones Hafla (*Middle Eastern music*), **6 - 8pm**

Monday, 9/19, REEL AND MEAL, 7 - 9PM
Free Film In-Person & Via Zoom. More info on New Deal Cafe Website.

Tuesday, 9/20, New Deal Open Mic with Joey Campfire, **6:30 - 9:30pm**
Wednesday, 9/21, TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE at the **PUB QUIZ, 7 - 9pm**
Thursday, 9/22, Big Howdy (*Progressive Bluegrass*), **7 - 9pm**

SAVE THE DATE! OCTOBER 8th: CRAZY QUILT MUSIC FESTIVAL!
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In Memoriam

Kathy Siehl DonBullian Dies

by Rick Ransom

Kathy Siehl DonBullian, who was raised in Greenbelt and spent her entire life here, died at home on Thursday, September 1. She was 71.

Kathy related in notes for a scrapbook that she enjoyed going with her father, Robert Siehl, and her mother, Helen, to various stores. She went with her mom to shop, but she went with her dad to have a bit of fun.



Kathy DonBullian

One of the things she remembered was that, together, they would activate all the wind-up dolls in the department stores and then gleefully run off downstairs or outside. She said her dad often took her for ice cream at Roosevelt Center.

Her father was a vacuum and sewing machine repairman and so was able to keep a sewing machine at the house. Kathy learned to sew and made various creations as an adult for Christmas and other holidays. She also contributed special items for her children's weddings and made many alterations of clothing.

After high school, Kathy worked first for Citizen's Bank of Maryland. She and her husband, Anthony DonBullian, later started AA Anthony's Auto Repair Shop. She subsequently worked for several different businesses as an administrator and financial assistant. After her official retirement, she served as a driver for Uber and Lyft because she had always enjoyed meeting new people and encountering new places.

Kathy and Anthony spent nearly 48 years together. They enjoyed their children and often entertained their friends. Some

stayed with them for varying amounts of time and became extended family. The couple enjoyed their grandchildren as much or more. They traveled frequently, often to Atlantic City, Disney World and the Bahamas (where they have a timeshare), and occasionally to Colorado to see friends. Anthony rarely went anywhere without Kathy.

During the service at Beall's Funeral Home in Bowie, their daughter Genette and her daughter Sophia each read poems dedicated to Kathy. "She loved with all her heart, and once she embraced you, you were in her heart for good," said Kathy's and Anthony's son Vinny. Her grandchild Riley said Kathy never missed an important event, which was true for all her grandkids. Riley uses sewing skills taught by Kathy to make style alterations. According to her children, Kathy was always willing to drop everything to help or to go on an adventure, often without more than a moment's notice.

her. Her surviving sisters are Patti Lauer and Helen Sharpes of Greenbelt. Two other sisters died before her: Betty Bento and Martha Hall. She also had nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, as well as a host of nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved and supported unconditionally.

Kathy and I shared two children together in a too-young marriage that ended nearly 50 years ago. She subsequently married Anthony and they forged another family together in their own union that was much closer to forever than ours. It was the life intended for her for sure. It is one more testament to her loving nature that she and Anthony were able to maintain a friendship with me and my wife Barbara for the past 25 years. Greenbelt is unique. Some have expressed their sympathy to me. My own sympathies are with Anthony and the family, whose loss is more immediate and much more disorienting.

PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Community Church Celebrates Gifts on Homecoming Sunday

by Karen Yoho




PHOTO BY KAREN YOH0

Interim Minister Clara Young and Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dan Hamlin both addressed the congregation on Homecoming Sunday.

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ celebrated Homecoming Sunday on September 11. The day was set aside to recognize longtime members and celebrate the gifts that each person possesses, referring to 1 Corinthians 12:1-13 in the Bible. Instead of a typical sermon, Interim Minister Rev. Clara Young was joined by Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dan Hamlin for a conversation about the Holy Spirit working through the church in the past, in the present and in the future.

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of GREENBELT**

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City Notes

Recreation and the Greenbelt Library collaborated to provide Pre-K Bilingual Storytime at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, where the fall afterschool program is now fully enrolled. Recreation and Goddard Space Flight Center staff met to plan an accessible path to Goddard from the end of Northway.


Refuse/Recycling collected 27.11 tons of refuse and 11.65 tons of recyclables.

Post-Festival electrical work by Building Maintenance included removing panel boards, extension cords and lights.

The Community Center provided space to Greenbelt Unplugged, Mamas & Papas, Arts Advisory Board and Interfaith Leadership. Two center leaders resigned and recruitment continues.

The Pooch Plunge marked the end of the outdoor pool season and fall programs began with Senior Swim. Arts staff is preparing for the Sparkle Mart art and craft fair (part of the Winter Lights Festival). Therapeutic Recreation and Public Works facilitated a bus trip for seniors to Annapolis Mall.

Park rangers greeted Tour de Greenbelt riders at Schrom Hills Park, offering water and a cooling station.



At the Library

Greenbelt Branch hours: Mondays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 12 to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.

NOTE: Real-time updates to the Library’s schedule resulting from inclement weather and other emergencies are posted on the Alerts page of the website at pgcmls.info/alerts.

Face masks are recommended for all customers and staff over the age of 2 at Prince George’s County Memorial Library System buildings.

Storytimes

Wednesday, September 21, 12:15 p.m. We Read Banned Books, Ready 2 Read, ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/6930224.

Thursday, September 22, 11:15 a.m. Ready 2 Read Storytime, ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/6930346.

Come join in for stories, songs, fingerplays and more. All participants over age 2 must wear a mask; this event may be subject to change depending upon updated safety guidelines.

Bibliobop Dance Party

Saturday, September 17, 10:30 a.m., ages 2 to 5. In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, attendees can bust a move and shake their sillies out to Spanish language and bilingual children’s music. Bring parents or caregivers and prepare to boogie and bop until everyone drops. Register at pgcmls.info/event/6930673.

Story Explorers

Monday, September 19, 4:30 p.m., ages 5 to 12 (elementary school age). Listen to favorite stories read aloud and do related activities and games. Attendees can learn about Banned Books Week by reading stories, then sharing their story with others by writing and creating their own book. Register at pgcmls.info/event/6911849.



City Information & Events

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MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 19-23

Monday, September 19 at 7:10 pm, **ADVISORY BOARD INTERVIEW**

Monday, September 19 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - ETHICS COMMISSION**

Tuesday, September 20 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES**, *On the Agenda: Call to Order, Review Past Meeting Minutes, Old Business: Finalize ‘Report for Recommended Tree Species Appropriate to Plant Near Streets,’ New Business, Adjourn*

Wednesday, September 21 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes of June 8, Staff Updates, APB Priority-Setting, New Business, Adjourn*

Wednesday, September 21 at 7:30 pm, **SPECIAL MEETING/ CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTERS/CITY MANAGER EVALUATION**

Thursday, September 22 at 7 pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Blocked Trail Junction, Pumpkin Walk, Virginia Pine in Greenbriar, Pilot Maintenance of the Pumpkin Walk Trail, Science Fund, Master Plan Trail: Section 5 Comments by Kevin & Beth, Master Plan Trail: Section 8 Use of Volunteers, Master Plan Trail: Section 6 Hamilton Tract*

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, September 21st, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting will be the following:
1. Interim City Manager evaluation
2. Discuss personnel matter including Council Decorum and Meeting Attendance

***The public may attend the Special Meeting of the City Council immediately prior to the Administrative Function Meeting and observe the vote of the Council to move into the Administrative Function Meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Assistant to the City Clerk

ANNUAL OPEN FORUM
Saturday, September 24, 1 - 2:30 pm
Hosted by Greenbelt’s Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

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- Board of Elections
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- Reparations Commission
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

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VOLUNTEER TRAIL MAINTENANCE

SEPTEMBER 17
10 AM - 1 PM

GREENBELT FOREST PRESERVE

Be a part of the community effort to maintain and improve a portion of the trail system in the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to perform general trail maintenance activities.

Register by email at kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov

GREENBELT RECREATION'S
2022 FALL ACTIVITY GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/ to view and register.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM IN HISTORIC GREENBELT

Check out Greenbelt Recreation’s pre-school program Greenbelt Littles Preschool (formerly Mom’s Morning Out). Greenbelt Littles Preschool is a licensed traditional preschool program that focuses on social development, fine and gross motor skills, listening, and following instructions. Greenbelt Littles has a heavy emphasis on learning in a fun way!

We offer our program Monday through Friday at the Youth Center. Financial aid is available for eligible Greenbelt residents. Registration for fall is now open.

For more information, please visit our Virtual Recreation Center online at greenbeltmd.gov/recreation or give us a call at (301) 397-2200.

Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 9/5/22)

Rent and Utility Assistance
· 314 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$1,482,440.28

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For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/3OBoe19>

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Families are invited to enjoy group games and drop-in gym time every Sunday afternoon this fall. Complimentary recreation equipment is available on site. Facility ID is required for participation. Contact Brian Butler at (240) 542-2213.

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

SEPTEMBER 24
10 AM - 1 PM
SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER

Join Public Works and CHEARS for a conservation stewardship event in recognition of National Public Lands Day. Volunteers are needed to remove invasive plant species and perform general maintenance in the CHEARS food forest at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Register by email at kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Protect yourself and your home from mosquitoes this summer. Visit <https://bit.ly/3yXpMwD> for tips on mosquito control and preventing West Nile Virus.



Yard Waste Removal and Chipper Rules

Branches 2 to 6 inches in diameter can be chipped! Stack branches on the curb with ends facing in the same direction and then call (301) 474-8004 to schedule a chipper collection! Help get rid of all of your unwanted debris from all of our recent storms.

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Voter-restrictions Film
Topic of Reel and Meal



A still from the film **Suppressed and Sabotaged: The Fight To Vote**

The Reel and Meal film for Monday, September 19 is **Suppressed and Sabotaged: The Fight to Vote** (2022) by Robert Greenwald (director of *Outfoxed*, *Walmart: The High Cost of Low Price* and *Making a Killing: Guns, Greed and the NRA*). The documentary focuses on the growing threat of voter suppression and election sabotage. The event will be both in-person at the New Deal Café and online via Zoom (registration required at tinyurl.com/ReelMealSept19). The program is free and starts at 7 p.m.

In 2021, 19 states passed 34 new voter laws following the 2020 Presidential Election.

The film focuses on the recent wave of voter suppression and subversion laws being enacted, including in 12 states that have introduced 96 bills to restrict voting and 13 states that have introduced 41 bills to undercut election administration. Voters in Arizona, Florida and Texas give their perspective about how these measures impact their right to vote. New voter restrictions cited in the film include registration hurdles, polling place closures, voter purges, missing absentee ballots, extreme wait times at polling locations, exact-match I.D. disqualifications, new vote by mail limitations and changes to ballot collection and ballot drop boxes. These new laws, says the film, disproportionately impact students, senior citizens, Blacks, Latinos, Indigenous People and other People of Color.

Nicole Williams, state delegate for District 22, will lead the discussion following the film. Delegate Williams has been a member of the Maryland Bar since 2002 and currently serves on the Judiciary Committee in Annapolis.

The New Deal Café serves a variety of meals, including a vegan option. For online attendees, the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket offers a vegan option, the local favorite Dodah's Kitchen Lasagna, from the grab & go side of its hot food case and available from 11 a.m. until the Co-op closes at 9 p.m.

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Sundays 10a - 2p

Southway and Centerway

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Conflicting Documents Result
In Unacceptable Police Updates

by Cathie Meetre and Matthew Arbach

The Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) participated in the development of Greenbelt City Council resolutions directed toward police procedures, which became Resolution 2096-2 when council passed them on January 10. PSAC was then asked to make a point-by-point comparison of how the Police Department's updates to police general orders matched the Resolutions passed by council.

As they worked on this, they were puzzled by how the recommendations in their version of the Resolutions (Document A) didn't seem to line up with changes made in the general orders.

Dueling Documents

To their consternation, PSAC found there was a second document (referred to here as Document B), purporting to be the Resolution 2096-2 passed by council. Document B had been officially signed by Mayor Emmett Jordan. But Document A was the specific document voted on at the January 10 meeting. A comparison of the two documents revealed numerous unauthorized changes between A and B and even an entire additional Resolution. The version used by the Police Department to update its orders was Document B and not the Document A passed by council.

In PSAC's own words: "In advance of PSAC's submission to council regarding Department compliance with the 22 resolutions, PSAC sent the draft memo to Chief Bowers for review. In the course of this review with Chief Bowers, it was discovered that there are two different versions of Resolution #2096-2."

Provenance

A crucial factor is which document is the one passed by council on January 10. As the evolving document of record passed through many meetings and accumulated changes prior to ultimate passage by council, each iteration was preserved online as part of the meeting documentation. Each set of tracked changes, made in real time by Councilmember Kristin Weaver, shows the original state when

the meeting began, the changes made and the final state of the document at each step. None of the differences in Document B are present in these interim states, thus Document B is unlikely to be simply an earlier version used in error. It would seem the changes could have been made after council voted on the document – at which time Document A should have been frozen.

Resolution Disparities

Eleven discrepant resolutions were found between Documents A and B, including an extra resolution never addressed by council. None of these discrepancies appear to be holdovers from previous versions or the result of insufficient care in maintaining document configuration management practices.

For example: In comparing Resolution 13 in Documents A and B, PSAC notes "wording is changed from 'instructing officers to assure that the officer has a working body camera before going out on patrol'; to 'instructing officers to activate the camera at the beginning of their shift.'" In the same Resolution, the last sentence of Document A was deleted. It read: "In addition, add a provision to General Order 402 that if an officer fails to adhere to these requirements, the officer will be subject to discipline up to and including discharge." Both discrepancies seem to promote less stringent requirements.

Impact on General Orders

Because Document B was used to prepare the changes in the police general orders, the resulting changes reflect some, but not all of Document A's resolutions.

PSAC's brief was to analyze the response to Document A. Its report is fully relevant – it indicates, as it should, where the new standing orders don't match council's Resolutions as adopted in Document A.

Deficiencies in the Orders

PSAC notes that, from their analysis comparing Document A with the updated orders, "While compliance has been achieved regarding 14 of council's Resolutions, eight months after passage

of the Resolutions there are still areas where no action has been reported or where the actions taken appear to be either ambiguous or inconsistent with the Resolution."

PSAC notes, "Four Council Resolutions had not resulted in any action." They are:

12. Broadening the definition of "complaint"

16. Providing for a specialist in law enforcement recruitment, promotion and retention

19. Reviewing policies on retention of photographs with a one-year limitation

20. Integrating community policing concepts into relevant general orders.

PSAC adds that four Resolutions had resulted in changes that ranged from ambiguous to non-compliant. The topics of these are:

5. Limitations on the use of no-knock warrants

6. Requirement relating to forcible entrance to premises

11. Visibility to the public of disciplinary and internal affairs records

13. Proper operation of and responsibility for operation of body cameras.

Investigation Continues

PSAC, led by Peggy Higgins with members Stan Zirk, Eunice Pierre, Mary Thomas, Laura Kressler and Cindy Comproni, remains concerned about the unauthorized changes made to the January 10 Resolutions that resulted in a second and different document signed by the mayor.

PG Holds Fall Job Fair
For Scarce Bus Drivers

To help alleviate the continued shortage of more than 190 school bus drivers in Prince George's County this school year, the school system will hold a virtual bus driver recruitment event on Wednesday, September 21 at 10 a.m.

Anyone wishing to apply must pre-register for the event. The registration link, along with information and requirements, is available at pgcps.org/drivewithus.

Job benefits include health, dental and vision insurance, as well as retirement plans. Candidates must be at least 21 years of age, have a valid driver's license, be eligible to work in the U.S. and be able to communicate effectively in English. For more information or to arrange interviews, visit the website, contact Human Resources at 301-952-6134 or email hros.transportation@pgcps.org or Nicole Eubanks at Nicole.Eubanks@pgcps.org.

A barred owl visits the lake.

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Kick Gas Go Electric!

What: Greenbelt's 1st Electric Vehicle Event

When: **September 17th, 10am-1pm**

Where: **Schrom Hills Park**

Talk with local Electric Vehicle (EV) owners. See their cars and ask about their EV experiences, EV costs, driving and charging an EV, types of EV chargers, etc.

This Event is sponsored by Greenbelt's Green Team and the City of Greenbelt

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CTC representatives stressed that the focus of the meeting would be on small towers and antennas, as opposed to macro-sites, which provide low frequency coverage for miles and can accommodate a number of carriers at once.

FCC Requirements

Hruby began the meeting by commenting on the 2018 FCC ruling “requiring local government to allow the installation of small cell antennas in rights-of-way and set some conditions on how we regulate them and set what I thought was a reasonable fee for municipalities to charge.” The 2018 FCC ruling states that carriers have the right to deploy SWFs in a jurisdiction’s right-of-way and that a jurisdiction cannot ban them in their right-of-way.

Hruby explained that the city then adopted ordinances in 2018 “regulating small cell antennas as permitted by the FCC, as well as ordinances that provide for some safety and aesthetic requirements. The ordinances also require a franchise agreement be executed.” She concluded by saying, “To date we have not received any applications or executed any franchise agreements.” Crane said that the city can also exercise some power over deployment through preferences for commercial versus residential sites.

Application Process

Carriers must first file an annual plan listing potential sites for deployment in order to then submit an application for the site, but the plan does not require them to do so. A jurisdiction has 60 days to approve a qualified application, but that process can be delayed if a Request for Information regarding any concerns is submitted.

Crane laid out the application review process. Following a submission, the carrier must demonstrate the need for the antenna, and the necessity of its place in the carrier’s goal for the site as a whole. The structure on which it will be placed, like a light or

utility pole, must be appropriate. Engineering assessments, county zoning compliance and its impact on the community, including the visual impact, are further taken into account.

Likely Applicants

The major carriers that the city would potentially deal with are: AT&T, Crown Castle (which is an acquisition company that services a number of carriers), Dish Wireless, T-Mobile and Verizon. These carriers have their own public safety communication divisions to respond to emergencies and outages with mobile units. Pepco, BGE and WSSC often partner with carriers to allow SWFs on their poles and infrastructure.

Considerations

In a separate interview, Hruby said that any small cell installation requires “a recommendation as part the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement preliminary review process,” specifically from the county’s Tower Committee, which oversees this area.

Thompson explained that if the city were to install all 5G SWFs, those with 4G phones would be unable to access the service. He added that some jurisdictions have decided to install a combination of both 4G and 5G to address that. Hruby said that the city ordinance currently has no language related to that subject.

Said Lederer, “The city is only able to recover the expenses incurred from the installation of new SWFs, with there being no avenue for financial profit.”

Crane said that this entire process relies only on carriers reaching out to jurisdictions first, with solicitation by communities not being the rule. Some communities with significant service deficiencies have been known to fast-track the application process.

All parties present at the meeting said that the city’s small cell ordinance is amendable as this effort continues to unfold.

New Program Offers Career Aid to Young Men of Color

by Matthew Arbach

Frè Yo is a new program focused on creating “a network and a community that is dedicated to understanding what young men of color need to meet their goals,” says founder Thomas Bishop. It hopes to provide more than mentorship, and embrace the concept of sponsorship, which Bishop defines as “the act of using our privilege and our networks to help open doors that were once closed,” in areas such as college admission, military enrollment and internships.

Frè Yo is a Haitian Creole term, translated as “the brothers,” which denotes the group’s mission to be “our brother’s keeper,” says Bishop. “Right now, the model is just for young men of color,” he said, citing that only 26.5 percent of Black men hold a college degree, significantly lower than both white men and Black women.

Bishop is a graduate of Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government and has lived in Greenbelt since 2017. While at Harvard, Bishop was very active in mentorship to a wide variety

of groups, like underprivileged high school students in Boston, undergraduate Black Harvard students and ROTC members. Said Bishop, “The most effective way to have an impact on these mentees was finding out exactly what they needed and working to help them get it.”


Frè Yo is a free program (currently self-funded by Bishop), implemented by Bishop and a team of volunteers. “Our core volunteers are Black men from around the diaspora (Africa, Jamaica and the U.S.),” said Bishop. “We have former New York Times writers, military officers, White House fellows, activists; all with Harvard advanced degrees working to make their respective communities a better place. Our larger network includes people from all walks of life.” At present, there are 15 core volunteers and assisting organizations.


Frè Yo will be done in six-week blocks with groups of five to 10 young people, ages 15 to 25. Hour-long sessions will

be held monthly on Zoom. The first half includes various experts from a range of fields relating their experiences and advice. Then, group members share their efforts, plans, inspirations and strategies concerning the goal for which they are striving. After the six weeks, members can choose to stop, or continue in the monthly meetings and book club.

Frè Yo is planned to begin on Saturday, September 17. Said Bishop, “If you would like to volunteer, we are looking for experts in every field to help grow our network of career educators and to join our email list where we work together to find resources to help these young people succeed.”

For further information and to enroll, go to freyo.org.





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Council Hears Greenbelt Police Department on Crime, Staffing

by Matthew Arbach

On August 31, the Greenbelt City Council received an update from the Greenbelt Police Department on a number of issues, including crime statistics and staffing efforts. Also discussed was the progress of the city’s new Crisis Intervention Team and the ongoing revisions to many of the department’s General Orders, which direct day-to-day operations. Both subjects will be addressed in separate News Review articles. The department was represented by Chief Richard Bowers, Captain Jermaine Gulledge and Captain Timothy White.

Bowers laid out the department’s existing and continuing objectives from its 2021 Strategic Goals, including: community safety, community outreach and developing staff. Bowers stressed the need for a partnership with the city’s residents for the department to operate successfully and meet the needs of the community – accomplished by the building of trust.

Crime Report

Bowers shared the latest crime report. Topping the list of crimes during January through July 2022 was larceny with 441 incidents (there were 341 in 2021), followed by: motor vehicle theft at 55, breaking and entering at 52, aggravated assaults at 49, robbery at 42, rape at eight and criminal homicide at four. Bowers said there have been 12 carjackings so far this year. The total crime to date was 651 incidents, compared to 540 for 2021.

Bowers said that “crime is up,” with the police department’s major concern being theft, most of which was from autos, either of items inside or of auto parts. He cited the preponderance of auto part thefts from Hondas and Toyota Priuses, the main items being: tires, airbags and catalytic converters. Bowers said that there have been recent arrests in this area.

Catalytic converters are a lucrative item for thieves, with Bowers describing an “organized” system of illegal resale. Etching can be an effective, and cheaper, deterrent, which involves spray painting and inscribing an identification number, which serves as an alert that the item has been stolen. However, Bowers said that attaching a metal shield over the converter is the best prevention, acknowledging that, while it is expensive, it is less than having to buy a replacement.

Speed cameras, said Bowers, are a useful tool in accident prevention, allowing officers to train their focus on other concerns. The violation (applied for an excess of 11 mph over the speed limit) is a flat rate of \$40, and the cameras run Monday through Friday. Bowers said that there have been initiatives in Maryland for a 24/7 camera operation, but Councilmember Judith Davis stressed that there has been frequent pushback on this, being seen merely as “a money grab” by municipalities.

Regarding traffic stops, the current goal is “quality over quantity,” said Bowers, with the expectation of numbers of stops less than the norm.

Staffing

Staffing is a persistent concern

for the department. The current number of sworn officers is 48, the aim being to reach 53. As of the meeting, two officers were to be sworn in, with three to four currently in the Police Academy.

The number of applicants remains low, with the high likelihood of failing the background check adding to the paucity of viable candidates. Bowers said that lack of honesty and full disclosure is the main disqualifier, with cannabis use not cause for an automatic refusal.

Bowers suggested the possible use of bonuses to attract applicants. In the past, \$500 has been issued to those who bring in a referral who completes training and is hired. He suggested raising that to \$5,000. Bowers said that city employees are the best source for successful referrals.

Many neighboring municipalities are offering signing bonuses, ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000. Bowers recommended a \$15,000 limit. He explained that it would be parceled out as a stipend over three years, thus mitigating the yearly cost, and could be derived from the available salary pool from officer vacancies, without the need for added funds. Benchmarks would need to be met, such as completed training, probation and a second year of

employment.

Bowers also proposed a retention bonus. Davis was reticent about this, feeling that it should apply to all city staff, many of whom have done many years of loyal service.

Staff retention is the pressing issue. Bowers said that much of the staff is young, and that it is a competitive market, with other departments and agencies offering attractive positions. He shared that the salary and benefits are at a desirable level, and that any effort that would make Greenbelt stand out in this field is a major plus.

Traffic Control

Gulledge said that the department has developed some successful traffic control plans at Dora Kennedy French Immersion School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) for the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times.

Suitland High School will be having football games at the ERHS field on Saturday nights this year, with ERHS games on Friday nights, making use of the field’s upgrades with Astro-turf, lighting, a press box and a sound system. Gulledge said the Prince George’s County police have agreed to assist with security on both nights.

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to see the gifts of the spirit of those who walked in those doors each Sunday. Although I retired 10 years ago, the Holy Spirit did not at Greenbelt Community Church,” said Hamlin. He shared accounts of church members who brought their unique talents and expertise to the church to solve small and large challenges.

“‘Homecoming Sunday’ is one of those titles that have been used over the years to transition churches from summer vacations to fall programming and the high holiday seasons of Christmas and Easter,” said Young. “It is a time to celebrate Greenbelt Community Church. It is a time to say thank you for those who have faithfully kept their covenant to

serve this church and this community.”

Homecoming Sunday was also a time for the church to kick off activities and programs for the fall and through Christmas. After worship, everyone was invited downstairs for a potluck luncheon and an opportunity to see the many ways this church is committed to sharing the gifts of the Spirit in the congregation and community. A set-up in the social hall allowed people at home to connect with those at the church. The church continues to provide Sunday worship service live via Zoom video conferencing for those who are unable to attend the service in person.

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never invited me to tea or exchanged a few pleasant words with me in a crowd. But she was, nonetheless, an enduring symbol of my inner life as an English person.

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Police Blotter

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Assault
On September 6 at 10:40 p.m. near 7800 Mandan Road, four unknown males wearing all black and black ski masks walked up to the victim and began hitting and kicking the victim. During the incident, the victim's phone fell out of his pocket and one of the suspects stole it as they ran off.
On September 8 at 6:45 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, while security officers were investigating a theft, an adult male assaulted the security guard and fled; officers located the man, and arrested him on open warrants. He was banned from the commercial property.

On September 11 at 4:30 p.m. near 5500 Cherrywood Lane, suspect assaulted victim inside business.

Drug Arrest
On September 8 at 7:36 a.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, an adult female was arrested for possession of a controlled dangerous substance and drug paraphernalia after being found unresponsive, slumped over the steering wheel in a vehicle parked over numerous lane lines. It was also determined the woman had open warrants.

Robbery
On September 11 at 10:17 p.m. near 7800 Hanover Parkway, the victim stated he parked his vehicle and was walking to his residence when a car pulled up and two males wearing all black and black facemasks approached him, pulled out a black handgun, pointed it at him, and demanded he give them his personal property and the keys to a 2017 Acura MDX. The suspects fled in the victim's vehicle.

DUI Arrests
On September 7 at 2:37 a.m. near Greenbelt Road/Mandan Road; on September 8 at 8:15 a.m. near Greenbelt Road/Southway after officers responded to reports of a vehicle sitting at the traffic light with the driver slumped over the steering wheel;

on September 10 at 1:40 a.m. near Greenbelt Road/Frankfort Drive.

Fraud
On September 6 at 10:58 a.m. near 7500 Mandan Road, cashier's check altered; on September 8 at 11:39 a.m. near 7800 Mandan Road, check altered; on September 10 at 12:05 a.m. near 7509 Mandan Road, cashier's check altered; on September 11 at 12:10 p.m. near Lakeside Drive, check altered.

Shoplifting
On September 10 at 4:56 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft.

Stolen Vehicle
On September 10 at 8:47 a.m. near 7800 Mandan Road, a 2014 Hyundai Sonata was stolen. On September 11 at 9:26 a.m. near 6200 Breezewood Court, a 2019 Chrysler 300 stolen.

Theft from Auto
On September 5 at 7:03 a.m. near 9100 Edmonston Road, passenger window broken, personal property taken. On September 5 at 7:10 a.m. near 9300 Edmonston Road, tires and rims stolen from a Toyota Camry. On September 5 at 9:01 a.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, 2022 Honda Accord passenger window shattered, vehicle rummaged through, all four wheels/rims stolen. On September 6 at 12:40 p.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Lane, rear tag stolen. On September 7 at 4:48 a.m. near 9100 Edmonston Court, vehicle rummaged through, personal property taken.

On September 9 at 6:39 a.m. near 9005 Breezewood Terrace, a 2019 Toyota Rav4 with a window broken was rummaged through and had all four tires and rims stolen. On September 9 at 8:18 a.m. near 6116 Breezewood Court, airbag stolen from 2018 Honda Accord. On September 11 at 9:49 a.m. near 7400 Greenway Center Drive, front passenger-side window broken, personal property taken. On September 11 at 11:25 a.m. near 6300 Golden Triangle

Drive, all four tires stolen from a 2018 Toyota Camry.

Theft
On September 6 at 11:37 a.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, personal property stolen after being left unattended inside business. On September 7 at 12:50 p.m. near Laurel Hill Road, personal property stolen from shed. On September 7 at 1:05 p.m. near 6100 Springhill Terrace, victims were moving into a residence when property was stolen. On September 11 at 5:44 p.m. near 5900 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft.

Vandalism
On September 6 at 3:04 p.m. near 9300 Edmonston Road, residence front door vandalized. On September 7 at 12:36 a.m. near 7800 Mandan Road, rear windshield broken, nothing taken. On September 7 at 1:51 p.m. near 6100 Springhill Drive, residence glass door broken. On September 8 at 11:18 a.m. near 9200 Edmonston Road, known individual damaged victim's vehicle and residence window.

Juvenile Arrested in Recent Shooting

On September 7 at 4:49 p.m. near Springhill Lane/Springhill Drive, a victim reported he and a group of middle-school-aged young persons were walking home around 4:20 p.m. when a young male fired several rounds at the group. No one was injured. The suspect is described as a 13- to 14-year-old light-skinned male, 5'4", with curly brown hair, wearing a black hoodie, khaki pants, Yeezy shoes and a surgical mask. On September 9, the Greenbelt Police Department, along with the Prince George's County Police Department, arrested a 13-year-old male in connection with the shooting. The juvenile was charged with multiple offenses, including second-degree attempted murder and additional firearm-related charges, and transported to the Cheltenham Youth Detention Center. The Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office Youth Justice Division consulted on this case. As the offender is a juvenile, no further information will be released.

This information was submitted by the Greenbelt Police Department.

Blood Drive Friday At Community Center

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Sports

ERHS Girls Volleyball Takes On Strong Non-league Team

by Scott Fifeild



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Junior right-side hitter Aniya Kittles (3) registers one of her two kills in the match against the National Cathedral School.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School opened its 2022 girls volleyball season with a 25-15, 25-18, 26-24 loss on September 8 at the National Cathedral School. The team will need to improve its passing so that it can generate offense more consistently. Co-captain Kaniece Wright, only a sophomore, is a six-rotation player who is the team's leader on the court and is a strong outside hitter. Senior setter Alanis Alejandro will need to find Wright and middle hitters Daja Wilson (also a sophomore) and junior Christiana Alapa for the team to succeed offensively.

The team hasn't lost a regular season match against a Prince George's County public school since 2016, but last season ended with disappointing losses to Oxon Hill in the county championship match and to Bowie in the regional final. Playing non-league matches against solid opponents is the key for the team to prepare itself for this year's regular season match against Bowie (at

home on Monday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m.) and a seemingly inevitable rematch with Bowie on Wednesday, November 9, in the regional final.

With senior right-side hitter and co-captain Cynthia Hopes still sidelined by an off-season knee injury, the team really has only four returning players from 2021 – Wright, Alejandro, Alapa and junior libero Aaliyna Patel. In addition to Wilson (a transfer from a school in Japan), the varsity team is filled out by the 2021 JVs, all of whom have really improved in the off-season and during the first month of practice.

Looking ahead, the team will hold its annual Dig Pink match during one of the home matches in October to raise money for Breast Cancer Research. Senior night is planned for Wednesday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m. against Wise. The team would love to see supporters in the stands. The entire schedule is available at roosevelt.digitalsports.com.

Girls Soccer at ERHS Began In Battle, Leads to Big Wins

by Jenny Meetre

Title IX, which gave equal rights to women's athletics in public institutions, became law in 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.). Not until 19 years later, in 1991 did Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) launch its first girls soccer team, but not without a fight. Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club proved to be the most inclusive and welcoming to girls in their program, which developed several female players into competitive soccer players intent on playing high school soccer. Lisa Meetre, Jenny Meetre, Morgen Ahearn and Stacy King were girls who had been playing on the boys soccer team for ERHS in 1991, but after experiencing disparate treatment from the coaches, they took the initiative to form a girls team with the hope and intention of being taken seriously as soccer players.

Roadblocks Overcome

The girls attended a meeting to advocate for the program and met resistance from leadership who balked at having to push resources in their direction. They expressed concerns about budget, and about lack of teams to play against. At that time, there weren't girls soccer teams at other county high schools. ERHS would be breaking new ground. Ultimately, the board gave approval, and the girls sought a teacher to volunteer to coach.

Ms. Gentile, the health teacher, agreed to be the coach for the first-ever girls soccer team at ERHS.

Then the challenge was finding enough girls willing to play, which resulted in a team where half the girls had never played soccer before. The girls team was given a corner of grass behind the bleachers and one used soccer ball to practice. It wasn't good soccer really, but it was the beginning of something amazing.

Setting a Trend

Something pretty neat happened – other high schools heard what ERHS was doing and created their own teams. Bowie High School came next and established their team, and the ERHS girls soccer team now had teams to play against. In those early years it was hard to find girls who were truly experienced players, the resources provided were nowhere near what the boys teams received and the coaches were doing their best to build something out of nothing. However, once it got started, there was no stopping it.

A Winning Proposition

Fast forward to 2022, the 50th anniversary of Title IX, and more than 31 years later, the girls soccer team is a six-time county champion for Prince George's County, holds nine

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The first ERHS girls soccer team, in a photo from the 1991 yearbook

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suffering. Would the world ever be the same again?

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The Magic Returns

The traditional rides rolled into town a few days before the Festival. Even dark and folded like praying mantises from Mordor, they added a brooding glamor to the prosaic precincts of the parking lot. Unfolded and lit, the ambience – especially in the evenings as dusk fell – was a magical confluence of light and sound that carried everybody who was once a kid at a carnival back to fun times.

Yummy for the Tummy

The Festival is not the destination for healthy eating with a few notable exceptions. But, all calories aside, who can resist? Beckoning from every side were the sweetest, most delectable, most salty, most chewy, most chilly and most luscious offerings. And who can say no to French fries made by astronomers? Only in Greenbelt would there be culinary



PHOTO BY LAURIE LEMIEUX

Mayor Emmett Jordan, College Park Mayor Patrick Wojahn, ride leaders Jeff and Laurie Lemieux of Proteus Bicycles & Brews, several members of the Greenbelt PD and others wave from their bikes.

astronomers.

Hurrah for the Committee

Three resounding cheers for the Labor Day Festival Committee, who held together through two difficult years and overcame so many obstacles, including last-minute regulatory demands by the county permit office. It took courage and big hearts to set out on this year’s roller coaster ride, knowing that the possibility existed that, at the last moment, all would be in vain. Hats off to President Linda Ivy and Vice President and Photo Show organizer Keith Zevallos, Treasurers Diane Siegel and Doreen Clower, Secretary Amy Knesel and At

Large Members Donna Peterson (craft fair) and Jim Tilton (parade marshal, Radio Club). Committee members included Mona Atari, Emily Cole, Davina Johnson, Kathy Reynolds, Wayne Williams, Karen Yoho, Jane Young, Dave Zahren and Robert Zugby.

Thanks also to the City of Greenbelt, always generous with infrastructure resources. City liaisons were Jermaine Gullledge, Greenbelt Police; Di Quynn-Reno, Greenbelt Recreation; and Joe Mulhare and Matt Houchens, Greenbelt Public Works.

It took a village. But it happened.

2022 Retro Town Fair Allows Residents’ Talents to Shine

by Sununu Bah

Greenbelt residents celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the Retro Town Fair on Sunday, September 4, with friendly community-building competitions that exhibit the identity of Greenbelters.

The work of 40 residents was displayed at the Greenbelt Museum Historic House. Flowers, vegetables, baked goods, canned goods, knitting, quilts and other crafts showcased residents’ talents as well as the history of their families and Greenbelt.

The Retro Town Fair was started in 2012 by Greenbelt Museum’s Education and Volunteer Coordinator Sheila Maffay-Tuthill to honor a tradition started by the Garden Club to share the fruits of their labor in town fairs held in the late 1930s.

“The biggest thing for me, the Retro Town Fair is a community-building experience,” said Maffay-Tuthill, who was raised in Greenbelt. “Everyone wins. There are no cash prizes. It’s just people getting together celebrating their talents and the richness of their time here in Greenbelt.”

The first town fair was held on Labor Day weekend in 1939. The Garden Club, formed in the fall of 1938, petitioned the town council for a flower and garden contest, which was expanded to include competitions in canned goods, needlework, baked goods, exhibits, musical programs, recreational events, marionette shows and concerts. However, the onset of WWII kept the fair from becoming an annual event.

Greenbelt youth restarted the Labor Day Festival in 1955 to



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Elizabeth Walker won the grand prize in the flower category.

raise money to replace the Drop Inn youth clubhouse, which had fallen into disrepair. The Garden Club’s competition, however, was forgotten and did not make its way back to the Festival.

Greenbelt Museum Director Megan Searing Young believes that initiative-taking, citizen-led activism is what defines Greenbelt residents to this day. She said new residents should be prepared to volunteer for something when they arrive.

“I heard a story that once you move in, be prepared, because you’ll get a knock on your door from someone nearby asking if you would like to join their committee,” Young said.

Food historian and Fort Hunt, Va., history teacher Elliot Merker, who judged the baking competition, echoed similar sentiments about the spirit of Greenbelt. He

said that, although neighborhoods’ characters change from generation to generation, it is not the same for Greenbelters.

“One thing that I keep hearing from the residents and what I noticed on my own, is that the character of Greenbelt stays more or less consistent,” said Merker, who’s been judging the baking category of the Retro Town Fair for the past five years. The Retro Town Fair in many ways is another form of citizen activism that binds the community together.

One resident in particular, Elizabeth Walker, 75, who has lived in Greenbelt for the past seven years, said the connection Greenbelters share

to the Retro Fair is important. “To celebrate together as a community, it just weaves the fabric of the community together. And we need that during these times of such division in politics and cultural clashes,” said Walker, who won the grand prize for the flower competition.

Nine-year-old Greenbelt resident Emily Ottens, who took second place in the baking competition for her family’s favorite Vegan Gemtastic Victoria Sponge Cake, said she participated in the competition because she enjoys it. She encouraged other Greenbelt residents to come out and participate. “It doesn’t matter who you are or how you bake. Nobody will judge you, it’s just cool. Enjoy it. It’s the entering and the competing. It’s not the winning, it’s the being in the competition and doing it.”

Labor Day Festival Parade Winners

Best in Parade

Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. Stars

Fire Emergency

Berwyn Heights Fire Department

Runner Up: Greenbelt VFD, Antique Fire Truck

Car/Truck

Beltway Plaza Merchants, Antique Good Humor Truck (plus free ice cream)

Runner Up: Mission BBQ Truck

Most Humorous

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center

Runner Up: Town Center Realty

Best Pet

Greenbelt Dog Training

Runner Up: None

Best Performing

The Honk Situation (Greenbelt Co-op and New Deal Café)

Runner Up: Eleanor Roosevelt High School Varsity Cheerleaders

Best Novelty

40 Plus Double Dutch

Runner Up: Greenbelt Museum

Best Theme

Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team

Runner Up: Greenbelt Elementary School PTA

People’s Choice

Monumental City Ancient Fife and Drum Corps

Runner Up: Herbert Wells Ice Rink

Best Community

Cub Scout Pack 202 (Baby You Can Drive My Car float)

Runner Up: Mowatt Church with Scout Troop 746 and Chime Bell Ringers

Most Entertaining

Seabrook Seahawks Pathfinder Club (marching band)

Runner Up: Greenbelt Youth Baseball Little League



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Monumental City Ancient Fife and Drum Corps marches in the Parade.

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regional championship wins in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018 and 2019. They won the state championship in 2003, and made it to the state semi-finals twice more in 2005 and 2006 before losing in tight overtime matches. The girls team has more overall championship wins under their belt than the boys and is a source of pride to the school.

A Whole New World

Incidentally, 1991 was also the year of the very first Women’s World Cup – the USA women’s team took home the victory. Girls everywhere watched Mia

Hamm’s victory lap. Women’s soccer didn’t make the Olympics until 1996. Female athletes today may not imagine that their opportunity to play high school soccer wasn’t always a given, but it really wasn’t that long ago for the women who forged the way. Today the girls have better playing conditions, better equipment, dedicated coaches, experienced athletes, incredible support from the school and the opportunity for a future in soccer at a professional level.

And it all started when four girls got angry about being left out and fought for their rights.



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Front row: Aimee Anderson, Katie Alexander, Bianca Conti, Cherie Austin, Ayanna Dunn, Megan Kriner, Juspreet Singh, Sharon Huber; Second row: Melissa Jessie, Amy Barrett, Bridget Brennan, Jessica Jones, Mary Barney; Back row: Amy Robinson, Jacki Bussink, Janine Savage, Melanie Stibick, Lisa Bourne, Lisa Meetre, Mary Beveridge

The first ERHS girls soccer team is shown in a photo from the 1991 yearbook.